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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1, 5-8, 10, and 17 are hereby amended.

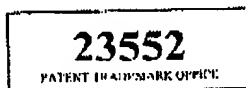
Multiple dependent claims 6, 7, and 8 were objected to for depending from multiple dependent claims. The claims are amended to address the concerns of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 6, 7, 10, and 17 were objected to for various informalities. The claims are amended to reflect the suggestions of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of claims 6, 7, 10, and 17 is requested.

Applicant notes that none of the amendments were made to overcome an art based rejection. Therefore, such amendments should not be construed in a limiting manner.

Claims 1-5, 9, 11-16 and 19 were allowed while claims 6-8, 10, 17 and 18 were objected to. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

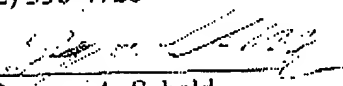
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Gregory A. Sebald, Reg. No. 33,280, at (612)336-4728.



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